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OBSERVATIONS ON ONE-PARTY RULE

ON TUESDAY Adlai Stevenson criticized the Administration because it had appointed no Democrat to major office, except for giving Gov. Jimmy Byrnes a place on the U. N. delegation. Mr. Stevenson overlooked Martin Durkin, Secretary of Labor, who was one of his staunch supporters during the campaign. Nevertheless the criticism is valid and Adlai could have had a little fun with the Administration by pointing out what its own leaders have said about strict one-party rule.

Last December Vice-President-elect Richard Nixon told reporters it was essential that the Eisenhower Administration should not make the same "mistake" as the Democrats in "loading" the Cabinet with members of one party.

This statement prompted Scotty Reston of the *New York Times* to count up all the

prominent non-Democrats President Truman had appointed to high office, and Reston had to go through fingers and toes a couple times to do it. Included among Truman appointees were prominent Republicans like this:

Secretary of Defense Robert Lovett, Ambassador John Foster Dulles, Deputy CIA Director Allen W. Dulles, ECA Administrator Paul Hoffman, Loyalty Review Board Chairman Hiram W. Bingham, Deputy Secretary of Defense William C. Foster, Ambassador to Britain Lewis Douglas, U. S. High Commissioner to Germany John McCloy, Ambassador (to the U. N.) Warren Austin.

Of course, Mr. Truman appointed quite a few Bill O'Dwyers and Tom Clarks and Mon Wallgrens, too. To paraphrase the old saw: "When he was bipartisan, he was very very bipartisan, and when he was partisan, he was awful."

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